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FOR AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI

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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT NIXON RESIGNATION

PRIME MINISTER CHONA PHONED THIS MORNING TO EXPRESS PRIVATELY HIS ADMIRATION FOR DISPLAY OF DEMOCRACY IN ACTION SHOWN BY PROCESS WHICH HAS NOW CULMINATED IN PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIGNATION. IT HARSH AND DIFFICULT EXPERIENCE BUT MOST IMPORTANT IS DEMONSTRATION US REMAINS A FREE COUNTRY WHERE NO ONE ABOVE THE LAW. IT IMPRESSIVE THAT JUDGES APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT COULD ORDER HIM TO SURRENDER EVIDENCE AGAINST HIMSELF. ELSEWHERE THOSE POSING THREAT TO PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE BEEN DETAINED AND WHOLE AFFAIR WOULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM COMING TO PUBLIC LIGHT. CHONA SAID HE COULD ONLY SAY THIS PRIVATELY AND HE HAS BEEN DOING SO AMONG FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. HE SPEAKING AS ONE WITH DEEP ATTACHMENT TO AMERICA, ONE TO WHOSE FAMILY AMERICA HAS SHOWN SO MANY KINDNESSES.
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